## SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS, (CONT'D.)

### 2.5 Payment Arrangements, (Cont'd.)

### 2.5.2 Billing and Collection of Charges, (Cont'd.)

C. When service does not begin on the first day of the month, or end on the last day of the month, the charge for the fraction of the month in which service was furnished will be calculated on a pro rate basis. For this purpose, every month is considered to have 30 days.
D. Billing of the Customer by the Company will begin on the Service Commencement Date, which is the first day following the date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the service or facility is available for use, except that the Service Commencement Date may be postponed by mutual agreement of the parties, or if the service or facility does not conform to standards set forth in this tariff or the Service Order. Billing accrues through and includes the day that the service, circuit, arrangement or component is discontinued.
E. A late payment penalty will be due to the Company upon any unpaid amount commencing 28 days after the date of the invoice. The late payment penalty shall be the portion of the payment not received by the 28th day after the date of the invoice, multiplied by a late factor of $1.5 \%$ per month.
F. The Customer will be assessed a charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) for each check submitted by the Customer to the Company which a financial institution refused to honor.
G. Customers have up to 45 days (commencing 5 days after remittance of the bill) to initiate a dispute over regulated charges. If a Customer does not give the Company notice of a billing or rate dispute within the above mentioned dispute period, the invoice and the charges levied shall be deemed to be reasonable, correct and binding on the Customer. Late payment penalties on unpaid charges disputed by and resolved in favor of the Customer shall be credited.

